GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4767
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POLICY ON EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalized a policy recently to introduce an emergency contraception in Urban areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government have laid down certain guidelines/training course, etc. in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the orders of the Drug Controller of India permitting the companies to produce and market the emergency contraception pills?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Government of India has decided to introduce emergency contraception in the National Family Welfare Programme.

(b): Guidelines and training courses for Health Care Providers are under finalisation.

(c): Permission by Drug Controller General of India vide Order No.12-48/98-DC (Pt2) was accorded to following companies:

1. M/s V care Pharma Pvt. Limited, Rajkot.

2. M/s Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Gurgaon dated 6.9.2001

3. M/s German Remedies, Mumbai dated 17.1.2002

4. M/s Hindustan Latex Limited, Belgaum dated 2.4.2002.